



Water Supply -- PART

Status: In Progress
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Purpose: The Program Assessment Rating Tool (PART) is a diagnostic tool used by the Office of Management and Budget to assess the performance of Federal programs and to drive improvements in program performance. Once completed, PART reviews help inform budget decisions and identify actions to improve results. Agencies are held accountable for implementing PART follow-up actions, also known as improvement plans, for each of their programs. Water supply became a part of PART in 2006.

The PART is designed to provide a consistent approach to assessing and rating programs across the Federal government. PART assessments review overall program effectiveness, from how well a program is designed to how well it is implemented and what results it achieves. As such, the PART examines factors that the program or agency may not directly control but may be able to influence. For example, if a PART assessment identifies a statutory provision that impedes effectiveness, one of the follow-up actions may be for the agency to propose legislative changes to fix it.

The PART is central to the Administration's Budget and Performance Integration (BPI) Initiative because it drives a sustained focus on results. To earn a high PART rating, a program must use performance data to manage, justify its resource requests based on the performance it expects to achieve, and continually improve efficiency – all goals of the BPI Initiative.

Objective: To have the Corps' water supply business program compare favorably against other similar programs across the Federal spectrum.

Benefits: Assure the water supply program receives sufficient funding to carry out its mission and meet the strategic goals and objectives of the Corps' strategic plan.

Progress:

The first submission was successfull loaded into the system and within the established time limits. A rating of Moderalely Effective was received for the FY 06 PART.

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